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NEW EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY SAHLES' OATH

BLOOD-STAINED AX IS AN EXHIBIT IN TO- DAY'S TRIAL

DEFENSE INTRODUCES CHAIN OF SELF DEFENSE EVIDENCE

New Developments Interest Hearers of Trial in Which John Sahles is Defendant—Case Will Go to Jury This Evening—Replete With Evidence That Is Not Contradicted.

John Sahles went to the witness stand this forenoon in the trial for his life and swore to the jury that just prior to the moment he struck "Red" Fitzgerald over the head with an axe, his adversary held a knife over the half prostrate body of the present defendant and threatened to butcher Sahles in the next breath. This feature of the fatal fight in the Shaffer shack in North La Grande on the night of November 21, 1911, has not become public knowledge before and the defense in this case which tonight will be in the hands of the jury, is pinning much faith on liberating Sahles by the defense route. The case came to issue last night after a jury had been selected through several hours' quizzing of prospective jurors. The startling testimony of Sahles combined with the gruesome spectacle last evening when the blood-covered axe which had slain Fitzgerald was brought into the court room and exhibited to the view of a room full of craning necks, was the most sensational development in the short-lived trial. Following the introduction last night of perfunctory evidence to establish the fact of homicide, the state today called Adolph Moll, a youth who witnessed the killing, and Coroner Dr. Bacon. The defense called but a few, B. M. Rogers, Grant Lincoln, C. A. Dunn, Charles Johnson and the defendant.

Last Night's Details.

Statements to the jury by state's attorney and counsel for defense were brief. The state expected to prove the fact of the homicide, weaving in the details how Fitzgerald, Sahles, Adolph Moll, the boy and Fred Blomquist were gathered at the Shaffer shack in North La Grande on November 21, having obtained some frankfurters, eggs and bread with which to make out a meal. The meal was prepared with difficulty for while Sahles had gone to the store a second time to procure some bread missing on the menu, Fitzgerald and Moll had kicked over the stove in a scuffle. The stove was repaired when Sahles returned, accompanied this time by Timothy Palmer who beat a hasty retreat when he found Fitzgerald was there. The card game which preface the homicide was then commenced. Sahles giving the Moll boy 50 cents to "sit in" as Moll was a special guest of Sahles at the time. The state pointed out how witnesses would testify that Fitzgerald reached across the box on which the trio were about to play the social game of poker and how Sahles admonished him not to do so. Fitzgerald placed the money in his pocket, the state claims through its eye witnesses, defying anyone to take it from him. The state says the men were precipitated into a fight when Fitzgerald knocked Sahles down without more ado, that he did so again, and again, and on the third time that Sahles picked up a nearby axe and struck Fitzgerald over the head. Frightened at the sight of blood the boy fled and the details from then on until morning are blank. On the morning of the 22nd, the state aims to prove, Sahles called on Timothy Palmer, an aged fellow who is a brother

NOTED LADY VISITS CITY

BRILLIANT WOMAN LECTURER SPENDS DAY HERE.

Co-Worker With Miss Willard and Lady Somerset in La Grande.

Miss Belle Kearney of Canton, Miss., author and lecturer, is registered at the Foley. Miss Kearney was associated for a number of years with Miss Frances Willard and Lady Somerset, of London, in the W. C. T. U. work as national lecturer. Of late years she has traveled extensively, and has lectured on various subjects in every state in the union and in almost every civilized country in the world. She is generally regarded as the most brilliant woman public speaker in America today.

Miss Kearney arrived last evening with the ministers and delegates and will stop over one day to attend the district conference of the M. E. church, South, now in session, of which church she has been a life-long and devoted member.

WEST ALIGNS WITH WOMAN VOTE ISSUES

EMPHATICALLY IN FAVOR OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Declares for First Time Publicly What His Opinions Are.

Salem, Feb. 16.—Governor West is out for woman suffrage. Presiding at a suffrage meeting last night he endorsed the movement, saying: "While I have been preaching suffrage on the quiet for a long time this is the first time I have been roped into the open and made to declare myself. I am in favor of equal suffrage because I believe it is right because I have faith in the women. They stand for better things. A majority of the men are so wrapped up in selfish affairs that they don't give the time they should to good government."

GOMPERS FACES MORE.

Burns Asserts Investigation Is Not Concluded.

Indianapolis, Feb. 16.—"Gompers is shaking hands with himself too soon" declared Detective Burns today before leaving Indianapolis for New York. "This investigation is not over yet, by any means." Local officials refused to comment on Burns' statement.

All of the indicted labor men are arrested now, save four and they will not be arrested for some time. President Ryan of the Iron Workers union, telegraphed all the indicted men that attorneys to defend them had been engaged. It is expected a change of venue from Judge Anderson's court at Indianapolis will be asked when they are arraigned on March 12.

PRISONER KILLS TWO.

Runs Amuck With Bread Knife at San Quentin.

San Quentin, Cal. Feb. 16.—Edward Delehanty a negro prisoner, ran amuck in the breakfast line at the penitentiary with a bread knife today.

He fatally stabbed two prisoners, one known as "St. Louis Fat," who died and William Peterson will die.

Benson Is Indicted.

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Wm. Benson, president of the Detroit Federation of Labor, was arrested today at Berkerville, N. Y., charged with complicity in the McNamara dynamiting plots. Benson denies all knowledge of the dynamiting.

DISTINCTION IS DRAWN IN 3 TERM PHRASE

OUTLOOK PAVES WAY FOR COLONEL TO RUN

SAYS THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS ARE OBJECTIONABLE

Three Terms With Years, Separating Them, Are Not Objectionable—Outlook Draws Illustrations to Point Out Point Aimed at—Office Holders' Army Lost to Roosevelt Now.

New York, Feb. 16.—Discussing the proceedings in congress relative to the anti-third term resolution the current issue of the Outlook significantly discusses Roosevelt's statements of 1904 and 1908 when he refused to become a candidate again. Owing to the colonel's connection with the magazine, it is believed it reflects his views. In part it says: "Those things it unsafe to elect a president for a third term should recall the fact that objections to a third term were formulated against a third consecutive term." Then it says a man elected after four or eight years have elapsed has not a body of office holders behind him and doesn't have the power of patronage but stands on the same footing as any other citizen.

The Outlook says that whatever the colonel said then referred to a third consecutive term.

The editorial then goes on to say that Roosevelt does not believe in a third consecutive term and infers that a third term, however, is not objectionable.

N. P. PASSENGER DITCHED

Spokane, Feb. 16.—An unidentified tramp was killed, Engineer Frank Bates probably fatally injured and Fireman Almer seriously hurt when a Northern Pacific passenger, number 5, plunged into a 50 foot washout near Cocolalla, hurling the engine in Lake Kootenai today. The baggage car, smoker and a day coach were demolished when they left the tracks. The officials declare the diner and Pullmans held the track and none were hurt but a special with doctors on board has left for the scene.

The North Coast Limited went over the same part of the road less than an hour previous.

LAWRENCE STRIKE WON BY UNION

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 16.—A virtual surrender to the demands of the striking textile workers was made by the mill operators this afternoon when a statement from the officials of the Wood mill, one of the American Woolen company's mills, was read offering

Anti-Gun Law Is Popular.

New York, Feb. 16.—The laws against carrying revolvers in New York have recently been strengthened and now the police department and the magistrates have taken measures which increase the difficulty of pawning one's watch. This is the result of the decree to the effect that anyone who has been robbed and sees the stolen property in a pawn shop may get a policeman, go with him to the pawnbroker and demand the stolen property. If the pawnbroker refuses to restore it, the policeman will arrest him on a charge of receiving stolen property. Of course this has made the pawnbrokers exceedingly wary, and temporarily impecunious persons who desire to leave their time-pieces for a period at the sign of the three balls, will in future be compelled to prove by a bill of sale that the watch is their own property.

TAFT SUSPENDS OFFICIAL HIGH IN ARMY LIFE

ADJUTANT GENERAL IS TO BE COURT MAR- TIALED AT ONCE

GENERAL AINSWORTH IS AC- CUSED OF INSUBORDINATION

Difficult to Get Officials to Hear Court Martial as They Must Be Men of Higher Rank—Has Long Been Connected With Bitter Feud in Army Circles—Washington Excited.

Washington, Feb. 16.—All Washington is in a furore today as the result of President Taft's order relieving General Ainsworth from duty as army adjutant general, and ordering him court martialed for insubordination. The selection of officers for the court martial will be hard as they must be superior in rank and Ainsworth has been the pivotal point of a bitter feud between the staff line officers.

Besides Ainsworth and Wood, the only major generals on the active service list are Generals Grant, Bell, Barry, Carter and Murray. All are officers of the same line as Ainsworth. Ainsworth has announced his intention of carrying the matter to congress, but if punished, however, he has no such appeal.

If retired officers are eligible to sit in the case, Lieutenant Generals McArthur, Bates, Chaffee, Miles and Young are eligible in addition to the 21 major generals. Only one-third of them are staff officers and it is regarded as probable that Ainsworth is to be tried by the majority officers who oppose the staff on general principles.

CLARK CRANLEY ABOUT AUTOS

REFUSES FREE MACHINE—DEES ANYWAY.

Makes Good Use of the One U. S. Cannon Has Invested In.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Although Speaker Champ Clark refuses to be given an automobile by the government for his official use, he does not refuse to ride in one. He is a frequent passenger in the private car of former Speaker Cannon.

The "automobile cronies" is the name given Clark and Cannon, because of their frequent gasoline jaunts. Cannon became so addicted to the buzz wagon while enjoying one at the expense of Uncle Sam that he invested after he lost the speakership. He has a high power six passenger limousine.

Automobile salesmen are watching Speaker Clark's political boom, but hopes for a sale to the Missourian will be lost if he goes to the white house and gets a number of government automobiles at his disposal.

BISHOP AT THE CONCLAVE OF METHODISTS

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, SENDS PROMINENT FOLK.

University Heads, Presiding Elder and Bishop Among Guests.

The district conference of the M. E. church, South, is now in session in La Grande.

The session was opened this morning at 9 o'clock by Bishop R. G. Waterhouse of Los Angeles, Cal., with a good attendance present.

The little mission church on the north side had been carefully prepared by the ladies of the church and presented a neat and attractive appearance.

Business connected with the progress of the church in the northwest engaged the conference largely during the morning session, and the subjects already published in this paper were presented as the time permitted.

Rev. C. C. Eagle of Nampa preached at 11 o'clock, and announcement was made that Bishop Waterhouse would preach tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The discussion of the themes as printed in the program will be resumed tomorrow at 9 o'clock, and will continue throughout the day, morning and afternoon.

More Delegates Come.

The following additional members of the district conference came in on the evening train from the west last night.

Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, of Los Angeles, Dr. James E. Crutchfield, president of Columbia college at Milton, Oregon.

Dr. W. B. Reese, Rev. J. W. Compton, Rev. Samuel Rogers, of Milton, Rev. C. V. Steiner, of Weston, Mrs. H. S. Shangle and daughter, Lois, of Milton.

The program for the conference follows:

Reports from pastoral charges, and other business.

"The Missionary Spirit," by Rev. N. D. Wood and Rev. C. R. Howard.

"Neglected Fields Survey," by the presiding elder.

"Columbia College," by President Crutchfield and Prof. B. A. Powell.

"The Value of Family Religion," by C. Paine Shangle.

"The Pastor's Relation to His Flock," by Rev. S. G. Rogers and Rev. E. P. Warren.

"The Steward and His Work," by Rev. L. L. Seawell and George R. Wadkins.

"Our Sunday Schools and How to

4 MURDERERS PAY PENALTY FOR OUTRAGE

KILLING OF TRUCK GARDENER AVENG- ED TODAY

GRUESOME AND CAUSELESS CRIME AT CHICAGO REVIVED

Thousands Clamor to Gain Admittance to Gallows Space at Chicago Today When Two Men and Two Boys Die for Horrible Death of Chicago Truck Gardener Last Fall.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Ewald and Frank Spillawski, brothers, were hanged at 10:14 this morning for the murder of Fred Guelzow, a truck gardener, and Phillip Zomerling, and Thomas Schult Phillips Zomerling and Thomas Schult were hanged at 10:50 for participating in the same crime.

While the men were being prepared for death, their attorneys came before Superior Judge McKinley and attempted to get a stay of execution on the ground that the men were insane.

The convicted men made a final confession at midnight when the priest left them. They played "66" and poker until 2 o'clock this morning when they retired. They arose at 8 o'clock. Ewald Spillawski wrote a letter to Mrs. Guelzow, asking forgiveness and she answered, "I can't forgive. You took my husband's life, made me a pauper and ruined my child's and my life."

The crime was most hideous. Last fall the four men set upon the truck gardener who lived just outside of Chicago and when they made threats to kill the innocent man he pleaded for his life because of his family. He offered them his horse and all his property if they would only let him live. Disregarding the pleadings and without any cause, the four who were hanged today and two others, who, because of their extreme youth, are now serving life sentences in the state penitentiary, slew the man and dragged the body to some bushes, where they cached his body. Their arrests followed soon after, being caused primarily by a horse trader, who became suspicious when they tried to sell him the horse of the dead gardener.

The crime was so revolting and the feeling so bitter that no police horror in Chicago of late years approaches it. Strong men wept when the story of the murder was told in court, the little son of the dead man relating the incidents as he saw them prior to having secreted himself while the thugs killed his father.

Thousands shouted and crowded the outside to the Cook county jail, in an attempt to see the hanging. The two men were self possessed to the end, and the two boys, less than 21, were more nervous.

The fifth hanging scheduled for today, was stopped by a stay issued by Judge Landis. The man was a negro, Thomas Jennings.

Make Them More Efficient," Rev. J. W. Compton and Rev. B. P. Cross.

"Our Epworth Leagues," by Rev. C. V. Steinger and Claud Price.

"The Need of a Revival in Every Charge," by Dr. W. B. Reese and Rev. C. C. Eagle.

A free discussion will follow these topics as time will permit.

The Woman's Home Mission society will have its work presented under the direction of Mrs. Clarissa Price, the district secretary.

General Retires Voluntarily.

Washington, Feb. 16.—After 30 years of service Brigadier General Whipple, a veteran of many wars, retired on his own request. He was paymaster general, and is succeeded by General George Smith.